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To: Field Managers
From: Associate State Director
Subject: Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Action: Incorporation of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Programmatic Biological Assessment (BA) for the Endangered Black-footed Ferret and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Informal Consultation into Field Office (FO) RMPs

The attached document transmits the FWS Informal Consultation based on a review of potential activities and conservation measures described within eleven of Wyoming BLM's RMPs (all RMPs except the Snake River RMP) and the Wyoming BLM's statewide Programmatic Black-footed Ferret BA and their potential effects on the endangered black-footed ferret in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq. and 50 CFR §402.10). The FWS concurred with the activity specific determinations of "no effect," or "not likely to adversely affect" presented in the August 25, 2005, Black-footed Ferret Statewide Programmatic BA.

The Wyoming BLM Statewide Programmatic BA for the black-footed ferret and the informal consultation response memorandum from the FWS can be found on the on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/Wildlife/blf-ferret.html> .

The preliminary determination is that this action is an RMP *Maintenance Action* as defined in 43 CFR 1610.5-4. All Field Offices should review their existing RMPs, the programmatic BA, and the FWS informal consultation memorandum. If you agree with the preliminary determination, please maintain the official hard copy of your RMP within 30 days of the date of this Instruction Memorandum (IM). Please also maintain the web-based copy of your RMP during the same timeframe. If you believe this action may require an RMP amendment, please contact Walt George, Wyoming State Office, at (307) 775-6116.

If you have further questions regarding this IM, please contact Jeff Carroll at (307) 775-6090.

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1 Attachment:
1 - Fish and Wildlife Service Memorandum (ES-61411/W.02/WY9741d) (24 pp.)